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Amendment To The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for providing asset <u>physical placement</u>

analysis for an organization comprising:

obtaining historical asset usage data over a plurality of periods for a

plurality of assets;

obtaining asset physical placement data associated with the plurality of

assets over the plurality of periods;

determining suggested alternate asset physical placement data using the

asset usage data and the asset physical placement data; and

providing the suggested alternate asset physical placement data.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining suggested alternate asset data; and

providing the suggested alternate asset data.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

determining suggested second physical placement data for the

suggested alternate asset data; and

providing the suggested second physical placement data.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

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the assets include copy machines.

5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the assets usage data is categorized into peak and off-peak categories.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the suggested alternate asset <u>physical</u> placement data is determined using a best fit algorithm.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

obtaining organization department physical location data;

obtaining historical asset usage data over a plurality of periods for a plurality of assets, wherein the historical usage data is associated with the organization physical location data;

determining suggested alternate asset <u>physical placement</u> data using the asset usage data, the asset <u>physical placement</u> data and the organization department physical location data; [[and]]

providing asset usage data organized by department physical location;

<u>and</u>

providing the suggested alternate asset physical placement data.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein:

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the suggested alternate asset <u>physical placement</u> data is determined using a best fit algorithm.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining hierarchal usage data using the asset <u>physical placement</u> data <u>organized in a hierarchy including room number data</u>; and

providing the hierarchal usage data.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

determining hierarchal usage data using the organization department physical location data <u>organized in a hierarchy including room number data</u>; and providing the hierarchal usage data.

11. (New) A method for providing physical asset placement analysis for an organization comprising:

obtaining historical asset usage data over a plurality of periods for a plurality of assets;

obtaining physical asset placement data specifying a plurality of physical locations each associated with the plurality of assets;

determining peak usage for at least one of the physical locations using the historical asset usage data and the physical asset placement data; and

suggesting at least one replacement asset for the at least one physical location.

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12. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising:

obtaining department data for a plurality of departments of the organization associated with the physical asset placement data specifying a plurality of physical locations each associated with the plurality of assets;

determining peak usage for at least one of the departments using the historical asset usage data, the department data and the physical asset placement data; and

suggesting at least one replacement asset for the at least one department.

13. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein:

the assets include copy machines.

14. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein:

the assets usage data is categorized into peak and off-peak categories.

15. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein:

the suggested alternate physical asset placement data is determined using a best fit algorithm.

16. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

updating the asset physical placement data using the suggested alternate asset physical placement data.

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17. (New) A method for providing physical asset placement analysis for an organization comprising:

obtaining historical asset usage data over a plurality of periods for a plurality of assets;

obtaining physical asset placement data specifying a plurality of physical locations each associated with the plurality of assets;

obtaining alternate asset data including replacement asset data associated with each of the plurality of assets;

suggesting at least one replacement asset for at least one of the plurality of assets using the historical asset usage data, the physical asset placement data and the alternate asset data.

18. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein:

the assets include copy machines.

19. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein:

the physical asset placement data comprises hierarchal organization data.

20. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein:

the suggested alternate physical asset placement data is determined using a best fit algorithm.